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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the claims presented in the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment before calculating any fees:

In The Claims

Please substitute pending claims 5-7 with the corresponding amended claims as follows:

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5. The milking plant as recited in claim 4, wherein said cleaning fluid return pump has an output connected to a non-return valve, preventing fluid flow back into said cleaning fluid return pump.